# Summary Notes – August 16, 2011 SRS Citizens Advisory Board Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Meeting

The Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Facilities Disposition & Site Remediation (FD&SR) Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, SC. It was also streamed online via Live Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive presentations on the Community Involvement Plan, and D-Area Project Progress.

#### Attendees:

#### CAB Members **Stakeholders** DOE/Contractors/Others Gerri Flemming, DOE-SR Lee Poe Dr. Marolyn Parson-FDSR Chair, via phone Karen Adams, DOE-SR Murray Riley Dr. Donald N. Bridges-CAB Chair Joe Ortaldo Wade Whitaker, DOE-SR Kathe Golden Rick McLeod Brian Hennessey, DOE-SR Stan Howard Paul Sauerborn, SRNS Dr. K. Jayaraman Jeannette Hyatt, SRNS Clinton Nangle Eric Nelson, SRNL Harold Simon Ashley Whitaker, V3 George Snyder James Tanner, V3 Dr. Jerry Wadley-FDSR Vice Chair

#### **Agency Liaisons**

Diedre Lloyd, EPA Jim Barksdale, EPA Jonathan Walsh, EPA Kristin Major, EPA Bob Adams, SCDHEC K. Leigh Beatty, SCDHEC Van Keisler, SCDHEC Heather Cathcart, SCDHEC Tom Rolka, SCDHEC

#### Welcome & Introduction

Marolyn Parson, FD&SR Committee Chair, attended the meeting via telephone. She welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked everyone to introduce themselves. FD&SR Chair Parson said she could hear well via Live Meeting, which she was also using, encouraged everyone to sign-in, and announced her committee's upcoming meeting. She reviewed what the FD&SR committee is working on, touching on the public participation process. She said she wanted to get a handle on how easy it is for the public to find out what is going on at SRS. She continued that she has been viewing websites, and expressed concern about the <a href="https://www.doe.gov">www.doe.gov</a> site. She encouraged everyone to review the website; she said she plans on writing a recommendation that deals with the public comment process.

She then reviewed a draft recommendation titled, "Federal Facility Agreement Update Provided Annually." She explained why the recommendation was being put forth and asked for committee input. CAB Chair Donald Bridges said he thought it is a good recommendation, but had no comments. CAB member Kathe Golden stated anything that simplifies information is helpful. FD&SR Chair Parson asked CAB members, and FD&SR committee members, Clint Nangle and Louie Chavis, to work as Recommendation Managers

on the recommendation. Joe Ortaldo, public, said it's a good recommendation, but said they should get the DOE managers together to simplify what is of interest to the public. Lee Poe, public, said these decisions should not be left to DOE and there should be CAB involvement earlier as to what's important to the public.

## PRESENTATION: SRS Federal Facility Agreement Community Involvement Plan (CIP)-Brian Hennessey, DOE-SR

Mr. Hennessey, DOE-SR, began his presentation by saying the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) is updated every few years, with the most recent updated being finalized in February 2011. He reviewed the purpose of the SRS CIP and EPA guidance on the CIP preparation. He then provided an outline of the CIP, which included a Site description with SRS History, SRS Descriptions/Location, and SRS Cleanup Activities. He continued that it includes a section on Community Background, with a Community Profile, History of Community Involvement, Key Community Concerns, Response to Community Concerns, and a Summary of Communication Needs. He also stated there was a section on the SRS Community Involvement Program, which included sections such as The Plan, Time Frame Summary for Community Involvement Activities, and the Appendices. He then reviewed the sections of the appendices.

Mr. Hennessey addressed a slide titled "Community Involvement in Cleanup Decisions", and then went through several charts of planned events for Community Involvement Activities. He spoke about the Annual Teaching Radiation, Energy, and Technology (TREAT) Workshop that was held on July 18, 2011, at Silver Bluff High School, the Science and Technology Enrichment Program (STEP), an "Innovative Teaching Mini-Grants Program," and the 2011 Science and Engineering Fair Regional Competition which was held on March 12.

He concluded his presentation by stating the CIP is required for cleanup sites, and the SRS CIP includes public involvement required by cleanup statutes, but goes well beyond them. He further reviewed the CIP and its history, and stated the Site Specific Advisory Boards have provided a framework for comprehensive public interaction that the CIP Guidance never envisioned.

#### PRESENTATION: D-Area Project Progress-Karen Adams, DOE-SR

Ms. Adams, DOE-SR, stated the purpose of her presentation, reviewed the background of D-Area, and said a lot of work, predominately characterization, was done under Recovery Act funding. She listed the early actions performed, which included a Bubble Tower Subunit, a Moderator Facility Subunit, a Powerhouse Subunit, and the D-006 Outfall. Ms. Adams said the Bubble Tower Subunit was one of the first units addressed and completed; she referred to a slide reviewing the status. She then referred to a close-up photo of the MicroBlower and Solar Panel. She explained what the MicroBlower does.

Ms. Adams addressed the status of the Moderator Facility Subunit, showing a photo, and stating it was started in March 2009 and completed in July 22, 2011. She reviewed a Thermal Detritiation Unit Schematic and then reviewed the status of the Coal Pile Runoff Basin, Waste Oil Facility, and D-006 Outfall Waste units. She listed the cost of the D-006 outfall, the Moderator Facility Detritiation, the Coal Pile Runoff Basin and Waste Oil Facility, the Bubble Tower, and Regulatory Documents. She provided an early action status update summary and schedule.

#### **Public Comment**

Lee Poe, Aiken, commented that he is disturbed that everyone keeps saying documents are on the internet. He said he uses the internet, but he knows people who would consider it a major deterrent. He said there needs to be other ways to review documents. He said he is concerned that there is a Community Involvement Plan (CIP) and the public doesn't know about it. He said there needs to be communication and he and CAB Chair Bridges have been talking about how the CAB should function as an in-between with the public and SRS. He said DOE needs to work harder to make the CAB a mediating group and it's not on

the internet-he said he thinks a lot of the general public does not use the internet. He said the CIP sounds like a great thing if it had been done with public input.

### ~Meeting adjourned~

The next FD&SR Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, from 6-7:30 p.m. p.m., at the DOE Meeting Center in Aiken, SC.

The online recording of this meeting can be found on the CAB's website at: http://cab.srs.gov